

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

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A yarn feeder system (1) includes a plurality of yarn feeders (~~11, 12, 13, 14~~), which ~~are~~ combined into one group (8). In the trial mode, the yarn feeders (~~11, 12, 13, 14~~) operate in an individually tension-controlled manner on the basis of a specified yarn tension value. The yarn feed quantities or yarn speeds that result from this at the various yarn feeders (~~11, 12, 13, 14~~) are reported to a central unit. From the reported yarn speeds, the central unit calculates a group average and sends this to the yarn feeders (~~11, 12, 13, 14~~) as a specified value for subsequent operation. As a result, ~~after that~~, the individual yarn feeders (~~11, 12, 13, 14~~) can subsequently operate in the purely positive mode. Moreover, the central unit (~~31~~), ~~via an input~~ (~~57~~), can receive ~~both~~ signals that characterize both the machine speed (rpm) and pattern signals, on the basis of which the yarn feeders of the particular group (~~8~~) ~~or~~ (~~16~~) that is to respond at that time are switched on and off or speeded up or slowed down.